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RE:

Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A94802

Case No. 800-2017-031993

## Public Letter of Reprimand

An investigation by the Medical Board of California revealed that, you failed to formulate a safety plan to reduce the risk of suicide prior to discharging a patient and failed to contact the patient's primary psychiatrist during the patient's hospitalization.

These actions constitute a violation of Business and Professions Code section 2234 (c)-repeated negligent acts.

Pursuant to the authority of the California Business and Professions Code section 2233, you are hereby issued this Public Letter of Reprimand by the Medical Board of California, and you are required to complete an education course in treatment of suicidal patients.

Kimberly Kirchmeyer

**Executive Director**